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1. A Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) military conference was held at Dai Tu, Thai Nguyen Province, from 20 to 27 September 1951 to plan operations for the fall and winter.<sup>1</sup> Following the Sino-DRV conference<sup>2</sup>, emphasis was placed on the importance of the projected winter operations and on increased DRV action to tie in with that of its allies.
2. The DRV Chief of Staff, Hoang Van Thai, served as chairman of the conference with Nguyen Chi Thanh, chief of the Political Bureau of the General Staff, as secretary. Members of the conference included the following:

Major Nguyen Van Hieu, representative of Vo Nguyen Giap

Tran Hieu, director of the Security Service

Le Quoc Trong, deputy director of the Cong An in the Viet Bac Intersector

Le Lien, deputy chief of the Political Bureau of the General Staff

Tran Dang Ninh, director of the central supply office for DRV forces

Nguyen Khang, Vice President of the Resistance and Administrative Committee of the Viet Bac Intersector

General Tran Dai Nghia, director of the Armament Bureau of the General Staff

Colonel Ngo Minh Lhan, chief of the military tribunal

Colonel Vu Van Can, director of the military health service

Colonel Dinh Duc Thien, chief of the Transport Bureau

Nguyen Van Kha, representative of Truong Chinh, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Indochina. Kha is cabinet director of the permanent administrative committee of the Lao Dong Party.<sup>3</sup>

No Soviet or Chinese Communist advisors attended the conference.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. This conference is apparently independent of the Yen Bay conference, 1-15 October 1951, reported in [REDACTED] 25X1A
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably the conference reported in [REDACTED] 25X1A
3. [REDACTED] Comment. According to [REDACTED], Kha was 25X1A  
commander of the 204 Military Intelligence Battalion of the Hanoi Front.

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